

15. (Twice amended.) An anastomosis method for the anastomosis of first and second blood vessels by the use of an anastomosis member to be arranged at an anastomosed site of said first and said second blood vessels, said anastomosis member having a generally cylindrical body comprising a plate member having integral therewith a plurality of protuberances formed on at least one of opposite surfaces thereof, said protuberances being formed from and extending from said body without leaving an aperture in said body, said method comprising the steps of:

inserting said anastomosis member into lumens of said first and said second blood vessels;

bringing said plate member into contact with at least one of said first and said second blood vessels; and

engaging said first and said second blood vessels with said protuberances so as to prevent the dislocation of said first and said second blood vessels at said anastomosed site.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments, and reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 and § 1.112, and in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

The communication is in error that a telephone conversation was made with Jae Kim on 8/02/02. Jae Kim was personally known to the undersigned and associated with him at the prior firm (Hopgood, Calimafde, Kalil & Judlowe), and is known by the undersigned, who was a member of the firm, to have emigrated to South Korea prior to 1998. The undersigned left the firm at the end of 2001 when the firm merged with another firm (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius). It is unknown with whom the examiner had a telephone conversation.